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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: High, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *May 22, Reuters* — Oil falls as UN lifts sanctions on Iraq . World oil prices slipped on Thursday after the U.N. Security Council voted to end 13-year sanctions against Iraq, paving the way for a resumption in the country's crude exports. U.S. crude futures lost 18 cents to \$28.85 a barrel, within 80 cents of recent four-week highs. Benchmark London Brent crude oil fell 24 cents to \$25.97 per barrel. The U.N. Security Council voted 14-0 to end the economic embargo and gave the United States and Britain extraordinary powers to run the country and its lucrative oil industry. **Iraq normally accounts for around four percent of world oil exports, but has not exported since the mid-March start of a U.S.-led attack that ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. U.N. diplomats expect oil exports to resume**

within weeks, as 8.3 million barrels of crude are already in storage at Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan waiting to be shipped. Initial exports will be well below prewar levels of 1.7 million bpd as looting and oil field damage has disrupted the post-war recovery in production.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rm/030522/markets_oil_2.html

2. *May 22, Associated Press* — **Pennsylvania nuclear plants add security. Gov. Ed Rendell said yesterday he has ordered the Pennsylvania National Guard and the state police back to the state's five nuclear power plants to provide around-the-clock security.** Rendell noted that there is no known credible threat against any nuclear power facility in the United States, but said he decided to be cautious a day after the U.S. Department of Homeland Security raised the alert level for a terrorist attack. **The troopers and soldiers stationed at the plants will be supported by unscheduled patrols as well as private security teams.** The federal alert was raised Tuesday after top administration and counterterrorism officials reviewed intelligence reports suggesting domestic terrorist attacks were possible in the wake of a wave of suicide bombings and attacks in Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Israel. Rendell followed suit, raising Pennsylvania's alert level.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/localnews/20030522nukesafetyr5.a.sp>

3. *May 21, Fort Worth Star Telegram* — **Natural gas shortage is here, XTO chief says.** Chairman Bob Simpson of XTO Energy told his shareholders Tuesday that "for years we've talked about a natural gas shortage. Well, it's here now." **Simpson said it would be "impossible" for big natural gas users, primarily electric and gas utilities, to replenish their depleted natural gas storage caverns before they need maximum supplies during the peak electricity generating season in the summer.** Simpson, whose Fort Worth-based company is the nation's fourth-largest independent natural gas producer and expects to increase production by about 20 percent this year, said current prices at \$6 per million BTUs "could well go higher" this year. **The Department of Energy has reported that gas storage inventories are 47 percent below last year's, primarily because of the colder-than-normal winter that caused utilities to draw heavily into their stored gas.** The shortage of gas in inventories has led to an increase in the price of natural gas from an average of \$3.50 per million BTUs last summer to the current \$6 level. **Simpson said that the natural gas industry in the United States is fighting declining production, primarily because of the depletion of older properties and less-than-expected production from new discoveries.**

Source: http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=krdigital_2003_05_21_eng-krdigital_eng-krdigital_054039_1874426564638874225a

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *May 22, Washington Times* — **Fighters deployed over D.C.** The U.S. military deployed air-defense missiles and fighter jets in Washington for an exercise amid heightened threats of terrorism, as al Qaeda's No. 2 official purportedly issued a message on Wednesday urging Muslims to kill Americans and Israelis and warning of attacks. **The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) was set to conduct an air-defense exercise over Washington last night involving low-flying fighter jets on simulated aircraft-intercept missions.** U.S. Air Force F-16 jets were to conduct flights along the Potomac River near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The exercise, known as Falcon Virgo, also involves the deployment of Avenger and Stinger air-defense missiles at several locations in the area. The missiles will be deployed throughout the period of heightened terrorist threats, defense officials said.

Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/national/20030522-010744-6001 r.htm>

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *May 22, Reuters* — **NYSE seeks to fingerprint workers.** The New York Stock Exchange wants to boost security by taking fingerprints of almost everyone with whom it does business, including employees, then handing them over to the FBI to do background checks, Reuters has learned. The Big Board, which currently relies largely on information supplied by the people being checked by NYSE staff, last week asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to approve changes that would put security inquiries into the hands of federal law enforcement officials. **In a NYSE filing with the SEC, acquired by Reuters this week, the Big Board would submit to the Federal Bureau of Investigation the fingerprints of employees, contractors, service providers, and even the scores of reporters who cover the stock market from the exchange.**

Source: http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/142/business/NYSE_seeks_to_fingerprint_workers+.shtml

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Transportation Sector

6. *May 22, New York Times* — **Security cutbacks worry airport officials.** The odds of breezing through McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas could soon become worse than those of hitting the jackpot at the Bellagio, if airport officials are to be believed. **With 983 federal security screeners assigned to the airport, travelers still have to wait at checkpoints for up to an hour during crunch times. So things can only get worse, airport officials argue, when the Transportation Security Administration, under budgetary pressure, carries out its plans starting this month to cut 15 percent of the screening work force.** As the summer travel season approaches, the Transportation Security Administration is planning to cut 6,000 of the 55,600 full-time screeners. The agency, created by Congress after the attacks of September 11, 2001, intends to make half its cuts by the end of this month and the rest by the end of September, said Brian Turmail, an agency spokesman. Some smaller airports, meanwhile, will

get extra screeners as jobs are shifted from city to city. The agency said it was winnowing its work force to meet a hiring cap set by Congress. **Some lawmakers and security experts support the move, arguing that taxpayer money could be better spent protecting other potential targets.** The fact that terrorists hijacked planes on September 11, the critics say, does not mean that that is now the most likely avenue of attack.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/22/business/22AIR.html?ex=1054180800d28GOOGLE>

7. *May 21, CNN* — **FAA issues flight restrictions. Flights will be banned over this weekend's Indianapolis 500 car race, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) confirmed Wednesday.** FAA spokesman Bill Shumann said the restrictions will be greater than normal, following the raising of the terrorist threat-alert level in the United States. "They will go beyond the normal ban on air travel within a three nautical-mile radius and up to 3,000 feet above ground," Shumann said. Among other restrictions: **Suspension of all waivers of temporary flight restrictions over sporting events. This includes companies that had been given waivers to fly blimps and banner-towing planes over sports arenas. Additional security measures are also being taken at the nation's airports, according to the TSA.** TSA spokesman Brian Turmail said security enhancements would vary airport by airport, according to a "tiered approach" plan developed by the agency.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/05/20/terror.flight.restrictions/index.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

8. *May 22, Washington Post* — **Canada moves to contain mad cow disease.** The Canadian government Wednesday quarantined three cattle herds that had been home to an animal found this week to have mad cow disease, and launched an investigation into where the infection came from. **The Canadian and U.S. governments sent teams to the province of Alberta to learn more about the 8-year-old animal, which was slaughtered early this year.** According to Claude Lavigne of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the animal was almost certainly born in North America, which was thought to be mad cow-free, and lived most of its life after a ban was implemented on the kind of animal feed suspected of spreading the disease. The entire 150-animal herd that the infected cow last lived in will be slaughtered Thursday, Lavigne said. **Initial testing for additional cases of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), should be completed by the middle of next week.** "There is a possibility that if one animal has the disease, others might be affected," Lavigne said. Canadian officials also acknowledged yesterday that other cows from the three quarantined herds may have entered the food supply in recent months. **The only known way for the BSE agent, an abnormally shaped protein called a prion, to spread among cattle is through their feed. Many farmers supplement the protein in their animal feed with parts**

from other animals, and experts believe the disease has spread through that practice. But in Canada and the United States, it has been illegal to feed cow or sheep protein to other cows and sheep since 1997, and that ban was believed to have protected North American herds from the disease.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A23281-2003May 21.html>

9. *May 22, just-food.com* — Some bird flu-hit poultry farms could resume operations in July. Dutch authorities have said they are considering whether come quarantined poultry farms could resume operations in July. Farms in the central Gelderland province, where the recent outbreak of avian influenza first emerged, would be the first to reopen as no new cases have been reported there since April 7, Agriculture Ministry spokeswoman **Martine de Haan said**. "We have to be careful because the manure is still on the infected farms, we are afraid there is still virus there any repopulation would be in July at the earliest," De Haan said. Inspectors were also still tracking down and culling chickens on smallholdings, which had been responsible for some of the most recent cases.

Source: http://www.just-food.com/news_detail.asp?art=54177

10. *May 22, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — **States checking links to Alberta mad cow finding.** Several agricultural-intensive U.S. states are taking precautions after this week's discovery of a Canadian cow that was found to be infected with mad cow disease. **In Wyoming, agriculture officials on Wednesday scoured lists of cattle imported from Canada this year to determine whether any were linked to an Alberta herd infected with the ailment.** The state imports a small number of its breeding and feeder cattle from Alberta but hasn't received any Canadian cattle for its feedlots in the past six months, state veterinarian Jim Logan said. "We can trace these records back to see if there's any link at all with the Canadian situation, and if there is we'll take appropriate action," he said. **"I don't believe there is a great risk of this coming into Wyoming, but certainly we are being vigilant and watching for it."**

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.cfm?Id=5 68t>>

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Food Sector

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Public Health Sector

11. *May 22, Health-news.co* — **Treatment hope for drug-resistant TB.** Doctors in the U.S. believe they may have found an effective way of treating patients with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (TB). **Using a new antibiotic called linezolid, a team from New York**

University School of Medicine successfully saved four women and a girl who were gravely ill and not responding to treatment. The patients, aged between 10 to 54, were resistant to between eight and 14 anti-TB therapies. The doctors feared that they had "run out of treatment options", said Professor William Rom. His colleague Dr Timothy Harkin said that trying linezolid was a "real act of desperation", but that it now appeared to be a "promising medication for multidrug-resistant TB". **Doctors gave the patients linezolid twice a day in pill form for nine to 33 months along with interferon gamma, a type of immune system modulator, in an aerosolised form three times a week. Following the treatment, there was no sign of the TB microbe in sputum from the patients' lungs.** The team behind the initiative say that further studies are needed to confirm their case reports and are hopeful that the drug will be tested in large clinical trials sponsored by the World Health Organization.

Source: <http://www.health-news.co.uk/showstory.asp?id=112190>

12. *May 22, Reuters* — **The WHO requests \$200 Million for SARS fight. The World Health Organisation (WHO) said on Thursday that it was seeking \$200 million, half of it for China, to help developing countries fight Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).** It said the money for China, which it hoped to raise by September, would come from multinational companies, many of them with branches in China, and investment banks. The rest would come principally from donor governments, with Japan, the United States and France having already expressed interest. **"Despite the rapid and effective response around the world, SARS exposes fundamental weaknesses in global health infrastructure," said Jong-Wook Lee, director-general elect of the WHO. The funds would be used to strengthen disease surveillance systems and epidemiological and public health facilities in developing countries.**

Source: <http://asia.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=topNewsID=2795707>

13. *May 21, Federal Computer Week* — **Bill boosts rural telemedicine. Representative Doug Ose has introduced a bill that could provide states with up to \$40 million in grants for developing and expanding rural telehealth networks, as well improve other telemedicine services that are provided under Medicare.** "The techniques and consultative efficiency provided by telehealth services reduce costs by diagnosing diseases and disorders before they progress," Ose said. "By expanding Medicare reimbursement for telehealth technology, we will be cutting illnesses off at the pass, and reducing overall costs." **As well as funding grants, the bill seeks to extend telehealth services to inpatient services, increase the Medicare categories of people who can receive telehealth services, and reduce the barriers for access to telehealth technologies by increasing multistate licensing.** The legislation also would expand store-and-forward technology and "revolutionize" radiology, Ose said, because X-rays and slides could be shared quickly and confidentially with specialists far from rural clinics and hospitals, leading to better, faster and less expensive diagnoses and treatments.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/geb/articles/2003/0519/web-ose-05-21-03.a.sp>

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Government Sector

14. *May 22, MSNBC* — **An orange tint to Memorial Day.** The large crowds typically drawn to the festivities surrounding traditional Memorial Day celebrations were specifically mentioned

as a cause for concern Tuesday by Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary for border and transportation security in the Department of Homeland Security, during a news conference announcing the raising of the threat level. **Although state and local officials have responded to the call for increased security measures, holiday events are being carried off on schedule.** From the Mall of America to the Mall of monuments in Washington, D.C., security measures are being ramped up for the holiday weekend and in the wake of the heightened terrorist alert. **And the U.S. Park Service is implementing "airport type security," said David Barna, chief of public affairs for the National Park Service, screening of visitors to seven "nation icon" sites: the Washington monument, the White House, the Liberty Bell pavilion in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the St. Louis Arch, Liberty Island in New York Harbor, the USS Constitution in Boston and Federal Hall in New York City, which is close to the New York Stock Exchange.**

Source: <http://www.msnbc.com/news/916523.asp?0cv=CB10>

15. *May 22, Government Executive* — **Decision on homeland security centers draws interest on Hill.** Members of Congress have not failed to see the opportunities inherent for their districts in the mandate the Homeland Security Department has to create "centers of excellence" for security. **The mandate in the law that created the department last year states that there must be at least one such center, but Charles McQueary, Homeland Security undersecretary for science and technology, told a House subcommittee on Wednesday that he is "sure it will be more than one."** Several members asked about the process for selecting universities and touted the universities in their districts. McQueary said the decision had not been made yet. He said he is consulting with the National Science Foundation and with key university and science associations for their recommendations.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0503/052103td1.htm>

16. *May 21, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **Fact Sheet: Department of Homeland Security funding for states and cities.** Since Congress passed the FY '03 Budget in February and the FY '03 Supplemental Budget in April, the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness has made a significant amount of money available to states and cities to prevent, prepare and respond to terrorism. **Nearly \$4 billion has been made available to state and local governments to help first responders and offset costs associated with extra security measures.** The President has requested over \$3.5 billion in the FY '04 budget for grants to states and cities to better prevent, prepare and respond to terrorism.

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=755>

17. *May 21, Embassy of the United States of America Oslo, Norway* — **U.S. Embassy, Oslo, Norway: message for all U.S. citizens.** The U.S. Embassy in Oslo, Norway, notes that an Al-Jazeera broadcast of May 21, 2003 purports to portray the second-in-command of al Qaeda threatening embassies and commercial interests of the United States, Great Britain, Australia and Norway. The U.S. Embassy in Oslo has no further information on this broadcast. **Please also note that on Thursday, May 22, 2003, the U.S. Embassy in Oslo will be closed to the public for security reasons. However, the Embassy will make every effort to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens on that day.**

Source: <http://www.usa.no/services/threat.html>

18.

May 21, U.S. Department of Justice — **Seventh defendant named in Buffalo Cell Case, charged with providing material support to al Qaeda.** The Justice Department announced the unsealing of criminal charges against a seventh, previously unnamed defendant in the Buffalo cell case for providing material support to al Qaeda. **A criminal complaint unsealed on Wednesday, charges Jaber Elbaneh, 36, of Lackawanna, N.Y., with conspiring with the six defendants and others to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization, based on their attendance at an al Qaeda-affiliated terrorist training camp. Elbaneh remains at large and is believed to be abroad.** The FBI today issued a "Be on the Lookout" (BOLO) alert for Elbaneh, and appealed for anyone with information about his whereabouts to come forward.

Source: http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2003/May/03_crm_309.htm

19. *May 21, The White House* — **Statement on appointment of Deputy National Security Advisor.** Frances Fragos Townsend has been appointed as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism, effective June 1, 2003. **Townsend will serve on the staff of the National Security Council and report to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. She will also report to the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security with respect to matters relating to global terrorism in the United States.** Townsend comes to the White House from the U.S. Coast Guard, where she has been serving as Assistant Commandant for Intelligence.

Source: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/05/20030521-9.h tml>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

20. *May 22, Federal Computer Week* — **Study details broadband in states.** According to a report released Thursday by the American Electronics Association (AeA) titled Broadband in the States 2003, **the pace of Internet broadband growth has slowed, but the number of subscribers increased to 16.2 million as of June 2002, up from 2.8 million in December 1999.** One of the report's authors, Christopher Novak, said while the rate of growth slowed, that may change as telephone companies recently decided to drop their rates to \$35 a month. **Because telecommunications and other private-sector providers see little return on investment from providing infrastructure in rural areas, only 50 percent of the nation's most sparsely populated communities have a broadband provider serving customers, as opposed to 99 percent in the most densely populated communities.** Among states, California, New York, Florida, Texas and New Jersey were the top five in terms of broadband subscribers. Of the total subscribers, about **9.2 million used cable, 5.1 million used DSL, and 520,000 had fiber. About 221,000 used satellite or fixed wireless and other wireline subscribers numbered 1.2 million.**

Source: <http://fcw.com/geb/articles/2003/0519/web-band-05-22-03.asp>

21. *May 22, Government Computer News* — **Lawmakers press DHS on technology, cybersecurity.** Members of a subcommittee of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security Wednesday asked Charles McQueary, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) undersecretary for science and technology, how they could channel vendor requests to the DHS. **McQueary said the Science and Technology Directorate has received more than 500 e-mail messages to science.technology@dhs.gov, many offering research proposals for homeland security projects.** The Directorate also will receive proposals via a Broad Agency Announcement released by the Pentagon's Technical Support Working Group at www.tswg.gov. **Rep. Christopher Cox (R-CA), chairman of the full committee, inquired whether the funds allocated to cybersecurity research in the fiscal 2004 budget will be adequate,** citing DHS secretary Tom Ridge's recent statement that the department's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate would be assuming additional cybersecurity functions. McQueary said **the \$5 million planned for cybersecurity research could be increased if necessary by using money from other programs.**
Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/22174-1.html
22. *May 22, ITWEB* — **New Trojan exploits known Internet Explorer vulnerability.** Data security software developer Kaspersky Labs reports that **a new Trojan program, StartPage, is exploiting an Internet Explorer vulnerability for which there is no patch. If a patch is not released soon, other viruses could exploit the vulnerability.** StartPage is sent to victim addresses directly from the author and does not have an automatic send function. The program is a Zip-archive that contains an HTML file. **Upon opening the HTML file, an embedded Java-script is launched that exploits the "Exploit.SelfExecHtml" vulnerability and clandestinely executes an embedded EXE file carrying the Trojan program.**
Source: <http://196.37.50.65/sections/internet/2003/0305221102.asp>
23. *May 22, Federal Computer Week* — **Information security spending forecast: \$6B. By 2008, the federal government will spend almost \$6 billion annually on information security, an increase of about 43 percent over 2003's \$4.2 billion,** according to a new report from research firm Input. **The predicted increases reflect a "more normal" rate of growth than the spending spikes that came in the wake of September 11,** said Payton Smith, the firm's manager of federal market analysis. However, he noted that agencies still face challenges in implementing systems and so will continue to contract with vendors. **The report attributes the drive for information security investment to strong oversight from Congress and the Office of Management and Budget. The new Department of Homeland Security is also serving as a coordination point for government wide-security initiatives,** the report concludes.
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0519/web-spend-05-22-03.asp>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 <p>AlertCon: 1 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net</p>	 <p>Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/</p>
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_LOVGATE.F Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 113 (ident), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 19341 (---), 53 (domain) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

24. May 22, USA Today — Private spy plane patrols border. Glenn Spencer, a retired oilman from Sierra Vista, Ariz., is adding a new chapter to the increasingly tense debate over citizen border patrols. **This month, Spencer launched a small, unmanned spy plane that includes cameras and a global positioning system to help him and other members of a private group called American Border Patrol identify illegal immigrants who try to slip into the United States across Arizona's vast desert.** Spencer says the \$20,000 drone, which has a wingspan of 6 feet and still is being tested, will take off when one of dozens of ground sensors placed along the border detect foot traffic. The drone then will take photographs that will be relayed to U.S. authorities.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-05-21-vigilante_x.htm

25. May 22, New York Times — Cabdriver is arrested on drug charge, but interest in explosives attracts attention of FBI. In March, the authorities said, Sayed Abdul Malike, a cabdriver from Brooklyn, went to Miami, took a boat tour of the port, and asked enough questions about bridge design and how close the boat could get to cruise ships that the captain called the FBI. In April, the authorities said, Malike met with an undercover FBI agent working on the joint terrorism task force in New York, looking to buy explosives from him. How much? he was asked. Enough to blow up a mountain, Malike replied, according to court papers. In May, Malike arranged to buy Valium pills from the undercover agent, the authorities said. On Tuesday, he bought 100 of them, was immediately arrested, and gave many misleading answers to investigators' questions, prosecutors said. On Wednesday, he was arraigned and held without bail. **Malike, 43 years old and a native of Afghanistan, is charged with drug possession and making false statements, but his alleged interest in substances more dangerous than sedatives has piqued the government's curiosity.** The executive assistant United States attorney in Brooklyn, William J. Muller, said the investigation of him is continuing.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/22/nyregion/22CAB.html>

26. *May 22, Associated Press* — **Two more arrests in Texas smuggling case.** Two more men were arrested in connection with the deaths of 19 immigrants who were packed into a semitrailer, bringing to six the number of people detained in one of the deadliest human trafficking attempts in U.S. history. **Authorities say Abelardo Flores, 31, who appeared in federal court in Brownsville on Wednesday, arranged the migrants' transport. Also arrested was 38-year-old Victor Jesus Rodriguez, son of a Brownsville couple who authorities say also was part of the smuggling operation. Rodriguez was expected to appear in court Thursday.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A24644-2003May 22.html>

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